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I remember when I wanted to buy my first PC in 1992. I called about 15 build-to-order firms such as Gateway 2000, Dell, etc. I wanted OS2 instead of Windows--none of them could leave off Windows. My request was met with silence from a couple of them. I did not realize what was going on at the time, but I am 100% sure that Microsoft was putting anti-competitive pressure on the PC builders then.

As far as Microsoft's claim that the browser is an integral part of Windows, my first edition of Windows 95 had no browser. When I wanted to get on the Internet in 1996, I had to go get a browser and install it. Nothing I see in my current Windows 2000 tells me that a browser is an essential part of an operating system.

I do not see Microsoft as any less of a monopoly than AT&T was a couple of decades ago. I think the national interest would be best served with more competition in the software industry.

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